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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

A united vital force in our community sharing the love of Jesus.

APRIL 2025

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Celebrate

Celebrating a Birthday

- 4/1 Chloe Corless
- 4/5 Annette Taylor
- 4/8 Helen Gunsolus
Jacyn Trappe
- 4/10 John Dull
- 4/14 Colby Van Orsow
- 4/20 Vicki Taylor
Jesse Bills
- 4/25 Jonathan Baer
- 4/26 Deborah Swanson

Anniversaries

- 4/24 Wilbur & Jean Bohr
Mark & Ronda Corless
- 4/25 Jim & Daisy Teske

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

The date for Easter follows the Jewish Lunar Calendar which determines when Passover is, which is why it changes and why it is so late this year. But Lent is finally coming to its end - or rather, its conclusion - in Holy Week and Easter.

When Jesus said 'it is finished' on the cross the word he used in Greek is a form of the root word 'telos,' which means more like "it is accomplished" or "it is completed," rather than "it is all done." (Think - the meal is prepared for eating rather than it is all eaten up!)

For indeed, Jesus' death on the cross was the beginning of something more than an end to it. With his death comes new life, beginning with His resurrection, as we read in 2 Corinthians 5:14ff

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;"

In these verses we have a good example of the paradigm of Christian life and Lutheran theology: Law-Gospel-Challenge. We see the Law, which shows us our sin, which has to be paid for by death, is paid for us by Jesus. This is the Gospel. But we often forget the third part of this - our response to this wonderful and salvific news. The Challenge here is that He now has given that ministry of reconciliation to us - meaning that we are now called to pass on that good news - the Gospel - to others.

We Lutherans remember well the first part of the most famous words in Ephesians, which start in verses 8-9:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

But we often forget verse 10, which follows directly:

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

As we end our Lenten time of remembering our sins, let us not forget our Savior, who died for them and with that makes us a 'new creation' in Him. But let us also remember that He died for everyone's sins and He counts on us to witness to that as we follow His command to not just love God, but to love our neighbors - whomever they might be, too. We do this not just by sharing our faith, but by attending to their earthly needs, too. Amen.

Pastor Ted

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We rejoice to see the early flowering fruit trees and the daffodils; spring is finally here after a long, wet winter. Spring brings Easter, our time to celebrate the Risen Christ. Easter - an event that changed history with the promise of eternal life with Jesus Christ. Our hearts rejoice and our spirits soar.

Please check out the special events scheduled for Easter Week; there are many ways to remember the days preceding the Resurrection and to walk in spirit to the tomb to meet the angels who declare 'He Is Risen!'

We will elect several officers in May – Vice President, Treasurer, and Elders. Our Vice President Rhoda Bohr has served multiple terms and is retiring with our 'Many Thanks'. Is it your turn? Please say a prayer about whether you could fill one of these spots and then step up and volunteer.

The Elders are working on the process to bring a new pastor to Trinity after Pastor Ted retires at the end of June; member participation is essential so watch for announcements calling for your support.

Trinity offers a number of services for families when they have a death in the family. Several recent losses, however, have made it apparent that these services are not always known to the families in their time of need. To help the families and those who assist them, a '*Checklist for Funerals and Memorials*' has been prepared and is now available from Council Members, Elders, Pastor and the Church Office. Also, there is a form available for us to leave instructions to our families as to what and how we would like to be remembered. Not a task we look forward to, but please help your loved ones by documenting your wishes now!

The Blessings of Easter to you all!

Sheila Wahl
971-998-6481

Spring has sprung at Trinity!

The daffodils are in beautiful bloom and the Sunshine ELC playground is ready to welcome the little ones!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Members:

President - Sheila Wahl
Vice-President - Rhoda Bohr
Pastor - Ted Engelbrecht
Property Board - Herb Meissel
Facilities Use Rep - Gail Allen

Finance Committee Rep - Connie Adams
Secretary - Ronda Corless
Elder - Jeff Allen
Christian Education Rep - Carolyn Stucky

January 2025

- Pastor Jim Sprengle will meet with Elders about call process.
- Background checks need to be done for anyone working with children at the church.
- Motion voted on & passed to hire Kay for the office position.
- Motion voted on & passed to hire Ahtia for AV 4-8 hours a week averaged over the month.
- Email vote prior to meeting: Motion voted on & passed to call a special congregational meeting to discuss call process on 2/23/25 at 2:00pm.
- Email vote prior to meeting Motion voted on and passed that Pastor will be paid 30% of his salary while receiving disability from Concordia while out for his surgery and recovery.
- Email vote prior to meeting Motion voted on & passed to hire an office manager to work 3 days per week (Mon, Wed, Fri), 4 hours per day from 9:00am-1:00pm.
- Email vote prior to meeting Motion voted on & passed that new hires will be interviewed by a three-person team (Pastor, Council President & 1 other council member).

February 2025

- The Office at end of the hall is now used by Council.
- Discussed VBS
- Kay Lynch, Office Manager and Ahtia Clack, A/V Coordinator accepted positions.
- Motion voted on & passed to change Kay's office hours from 16 to 18 hours per week.
- Motion voted on and passed to set Office Hours to 9am - 1pm Tuesday through Friday.
- Sheila has been working on a checklist for funerals to be shared with the congregation.
- Council positions up for re-election are Vice President, Treasurer & several Elder positions.

March 2025

- June 8th is Confirmation Sunday.
- Sunday March 30th at 1:30pm will be a special voting congregation meeting.
- There are leaks in roof and pot holes were fixed.
- Motion voted on & passed to not include financial information in the Scroll.
- Gail Allen is resigning as Facilities Committee Chairman, effective April 30th; position available.
- Church insurance policy under review.

Ronda Corless – Council Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

Vacation Bible School

Preparations are well underway and fill many thoughts as we make progress toward July 20-24. Presently, in the Narthex there is a Northern Lights backdrop with trees of many colors. It is there to invite you to take a paper tree and donate that item. The volunteers will use your donation in preparation for VBS.

"Many hands make light work."

We have a few volunteers who have already stepped up to offer their involvement so young guests can learn more about Jesus. If you would like to volunteer and just aren't sure what it entails, please contact Ann Clack 503.515.4369 or Ahtia Clack 503.516.1786.

Adult Bible Study

Thanks to George Deines for leading the February and March ACTS book/study. The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study in April will be facilitated by Will Marshall. The course of study will be the book of JOB. There is a fee for the book we will use. Please reach out to Will for details.

Confirmation Sunday

Save the date! Confirmation Sunday will be June 8, 2025. A time of rejoicing!

Note: We will not host Adult Class or Confirmation Classes on Easter.

Child and Youth Abuse Prevention

The CEB is continuing to re-check the "Child and Youth Abuse Prevention" program for our congregation. This booklet was created for the safety and expectations for students and staff on field trips, retreats, and outings.

Visit the Library

We invite you to explore the *many* items available for your use, interest, and pleasure. A new author is displayed on the gray cart. The checking out procedure is on the large wooden desk. Easter (children books) are on a small table by the window. Perhaps your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren would like you to share this time of JOY with them?



Board of Education

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on April 3rd at 10am at the Brooks home.

Blessings - Henrietta

LWML Oregon District Mission Grants 2024-2026 Biennium Goal = \$121,000



MISSION GRANT NO. 1

Proclaiming The Gospel-Serve with Mercy, \$5000

The LCMS Office of National Mission extends its mission outreach, education, and mercy work through Independent Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) whose programs are in harmony with the Lutheran doctrine and practices of the LCMS. RSOs serve the needs of all God's people and may sometimes need assistance with resources to proclaim the Gospel. They may also receive requests for resources such as Bibles, devotional materials, and resources for their leadership team. This grant will purchase needed resources and provide ministry training to support their Lutheran identity in Word and Sacrament.

MISSION GRANT NO. 4

Life-Changing Care for People in The Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, \$6,500

The LCMS started mission work in the Dominican Republic in 2005 with a specific emphasis on improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by providing spiritual, physical, and emotional care as Children of God.



Six young adults living in a group home, Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor (Good Shephard Lutheran Home), need continued care while confronting the way a country cares for God's children with disabilities. This home allows residents to remain in their Dominican community while interacting with neighbors, friends, church members, and visitors as they grow in Jesus's love and His Word.

Please continue to drop your contributions into the LWML mite box as you leave the sanctuary. Every cent counts and brings more people to know of God's love for them. Serve the Lord with Gladness.

Your Selection Requested

The LWML Convention 2025 is in Omaha, NE June 26-29, 2025. Pam Seeyle will be the delegate representing the Mt. Hood Zone. She will need to know how you wish to have her vote on the proposed mission grants as well as the candidates running for offices. A copy of the list of grants was left in your mail box. Please select your favorite 6 and give them to Pam. Become a roommate to Pam or her fellow traveler and register for the convention at LWML.org. Registration is open NOW. Before and after tours are also available. Make it your fun and inspirational trip!!

And the King will answer them, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:5b).

Lutheran Women in Mission



UPCOMING EVENTS



JESUS IN THE SEDER

Join us Thursday, April 17 at 7pm during Holy Week (in place of the Maunday-Thursday service) for a "Jesus in the Seder" led by local Rabbi Gabriel Lumbroso, yadfriends.com.

Please sign up in advance. The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex so we can plan for seating and food samples. *Note: It is not a full meal, so be sure to eat dinner before you attend.*

Invite family, friends, young people, people that have not been to a Seder and those unconnected to Church.

You won't want to miss this great experience of how Jesus our Savior, in this old Jewish tradition, is revealed!.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Please join us for a Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6pm. We will share soup, salad and bread.

MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL!

Join us for great fun, great exercise, Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Jade Room. Check with Pastor Ted on Sundays if there will be a sufficiently large group to play.



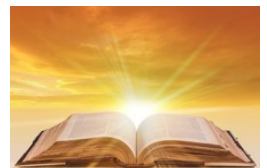
WILL MARSHALL TO LEAD CLASSES ON GEMSTONES

Will has been scheduled for more classes at the Pioneer Community Center's Fireplace Room. Stop by the Pioneer Center on Tuesday, at 12 noon. Bring your questions, because they drive the agenda of each class. If you know someone who is contemplating a jewelry purchase, let them know about the information that Will shares in his classes.

HOME/SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: meets in the Trinity Library every Thursday at 10:30 am. Contact: Pastor Ted, 503-632-5554.

KASTING HOME BIBLE STUDY: meet every Thursday evening 6:30 pm at Pastor Mike's home. Contact person--Pastor Mike Kasting---503-305-6189.



ENCOURAGERS BIBLE STUDY: meets on the third Sunday at 6:30 pm at alternating homes. Contact: Brian / Barbara Hawkins--503-803-1553 or 503-753-1371.

CANBY SMALL GROUP: meets on the fourth Tuesday--7:00 pm at Al and Rhoda' Bohr's home Contact: Rhoda Bohr --503-896-1070. It is also a Prayer Group, prayer requests are given and prayed for.

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to become involved in any of these areas of service you can use the Communication card or send an email to the office at office@trinity.org.

	Greeters
April 6 th	Elders
April 13 th	Elders
April 20 th	Elders
April 27 th	Elders

GIVING IN SO MANY WAYS!

There are many ways Trinity can receive additional donations as you go about your busy days.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Register Fred Meyer Community Rewards
www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards,
 Non-Profit Organization number SA 112.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a life insurance policy through Thrivent or perhaps an annuity? If so, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars waiting to be distributed. Thrivent grants amounts to each member quarterly to give away.

You can direct your dollars to the church if you choose to do so, or to an organization of your choice.

To direct your funds, login to your account on Thrivent.com or call: Thrivent Member Care 800.847.4836

If you have questions, call Connie Adams, 503.631.7446.

	Communion Set-Up
April 13 th	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
April 27 th	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors (10 am Service)
April 6 th	Steve Cameron
April 13 th	Julie Handy
April 20 th	Easter Sunday
April 27 th	Stanette Rosenberger

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Contact Connie Adams to coordinate either donating flowers (preferred method), or a donation to purchase flowers for church.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

With the recent passing of Carol Wilson, we need a new coordinator for the Outreach Committee. Please contact Pastor Ted to discuss this opportunity.

Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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	Flowers
April 6 th	Vase available
April 13 th	Vase available
April 20 th	Vase available
April 27 th	Vase available

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | OREGON CITY | LEADERSHIP LIST

Additional contact information for the following individuals is available in the church directory.

Board of Elders (term ends)

Head: Jeff Allen **E, L, T** 206.228.3724 (2025)
Al Bohr **H, I, J, O** 503.980.8047 (2025)
Ray Clack **M, N** 503.656.3891 (2025)
Levi Darnell **A, D, R** 503.631.7559 (2025)
Cary Martenson **C, G, K, V, Z** 503.632.3879 (2025)
Craig Nickles **F, W** 971.404.4771 (2026)
Dave Wilson **B, P, S** 503.632.4068 (2025)

Council Officers

President: Sheila Wahl (2026)
Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (2025)
Treasurer: Connie Adams (2025)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2025)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2025)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Ahtia Clack

Outreach

Volunteer Needed

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel
Gail Allen

Trinity Office Email Addresses

Pastor: Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
pastor.ted@trinityoc.org
Office Manager: Kay Lynch
office@trinityoc.org

Publications

Bulletin & Scroll Editor: Office Manager

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Ministry Primary Contacts

Dorcas Circle

Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer Chain

Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls ingalls.rose@yahoo.com

Prayer & Praise

Henrietta Brooks

LWML/Mission Guild

Carolyn Stucky

Quilters

Sheila Wahl

Communion Guild

Steve Cameron
Carol Cameron

Altar Committee

Colleen Brinkert
Gary Brinkert

Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Ted

Thrivent

www.thrivent.com

Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts

Local Outreach

- **Transitions Projects** (Portland) Pat Benjamin
- **Love INC** Office 503.655.4223 ext. 2
- **True Housing** 503.234.8757
- **Lutheran Latino Ministries** PO Box 293, Mt. Angel, OR 97362

National Outreach

- **LCMS Disaster Fund**
- **LWML**

International Outreach

- **Child Beyond International**, Guatemala
- **Compassion International**



APRIL 2025

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i> 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>2</i> 10:30am Dorcas 6pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Mid-week Worship 7:45pm Praise	<i>3</i> 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>7</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>8</i> 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>9</i> 11:30am Men's Lunch 7pm Lenten Mid-week Worship 7:45pm Praise Team	<i>10</i> 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 9am Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30am Home-bound Member Meal Prep
<i>13</i> Palm Sunday 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>14</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>15</i> <i>Tax Day</i> 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 5pm NW Elite VB 6:30pm Church Council	<i>16</i> 11am Elders Board 7pm Praise Team	<i>17</i> 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB 7pm Maundy-Thursdays Seder Meal	<i>18</i> Good Friday	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> Easter Sunday 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>21</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>22</i> 10am Outreach 5pm NW Elite VB 7pm Canby Bible Study	<i>23</i> 7pm Praise Team	<i>24</i> 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 4th Sun 11am Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>28</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>29</i> 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>30</i> 7pm Praise Team			